

REMARKS

The Office rejects claims 1-32 in the subject application. Claims 1-32 (4 independent claims; 32 total claims) remain pending in the application.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §102 REJECTION

The Examiner rejects claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Sasaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,226,447, issued May 1, 2001, assignee is Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Sasaki discloses a video signal recording and reproducing apparatus. For example, if a viewer wants to watch a program (which is to be broadcast from 10 p.m. to 12 p.m.), but the viewer cannot view it until after 11 p.m., the viewer can start reproducing the program from the beginning from 11 p.m. The viewer can watch the program at a normal reproducing mode (normal viewing speed) or at a fast-forward reproducing mode (faster viewing speed than normal) on a part of the program which has already been recorded.¹

The Examiner cites column 11 (lines 37-54) of Sasaki as allegedly disclosing the advanced notice information as recited in the claimed invention. However, this section in Sasaki merely discloses that when a viewer is watching a program, the viewer can stop the program by the push of a button and the recording stop time and address are stored. The viewer can resume watching the program at the point at which the viewer stopped the program when the reproducing start button is pushed. Sasaki discloses the possibility of watching two programs being showed simultaneously on two channels.² **But Sasaki fails to disclose advanced notice information indicating whether the operation type of an operation immediately subsequent to the operation designated by the designation information is the same as the operation type of the operation designated by the designation information as recited in claims 1, 6, 17, and 22 (and claims 2-5, 7-16, 18-21, and 23-32, which variously depend from claims 1, 6, 17, and 22).**

An exemplary advantage of the claimed invention is to provide a video signal recording and reproducing apparatus that can simultaneously record and reproduce a television signal.³

¹ Sasaki, column 6, lines 14-34.

² Sasaki, column 11, lines 37-54.

³ Sasaki, column 5, lines 32-35.

Another exemplary advantage of the claimed invention is to reduce the recording processing time and the reproduction processing time of information.⁴ Sasaki fails to recognize these advantages, and consequently, fails to address them.

Furthermore, in MPEP §707 and 37 C.F.R. §1.104(c)(2), in rejecting the claims for want of novelty or for obviousness, the Examiner must cite the best references at his or her command.

When a reference is complex or shows or describes inventions other than that claimed by the applicant, the particular part relied on must be designated as nearly as practicable. The pertinence of each reference, if not apparent, must be clearly explained and each rejected claim specified.⁵

If the Examiner disagrees with Applicant's arguments, Applicant requests that the Examiner point out the particular part of Sasaki relied on to disclose advanced notice information indicating whether the operation type of an operation immediately subsequent to the operation designated by the designation information is the same as the operation type of the operation designated by the designation information as recited in claims 1, 6, 17, and 22.

Thus, Sasaki fails to disclose one or more claimed limitations, so that claims 1-32 are patentable over this reference. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

⁴ Subject Application, page 42, lines 16-19.

⁵ 37 C.F.R. §1.104(c)(2).

CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is thus requested. Applicant invites the Office to telephone the undersigned if he or she has any questions whatsoever regarding this Response or the present application in general.

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